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Re: *Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 00-00053

Dear Henry:

Attached is a proposed Protective Order for your review. Pursuant to the Notice of Procedural Schedule issued in this docket on October 27, 2000, this agreement needs to be in place by November 27, 2000. If the attached proposed Protective Order is acceptable to your client, please execute the signature page and return it to me at your earliest convenience. We will file it with the Authority upon receipt of your signature. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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cc: David Waddell
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